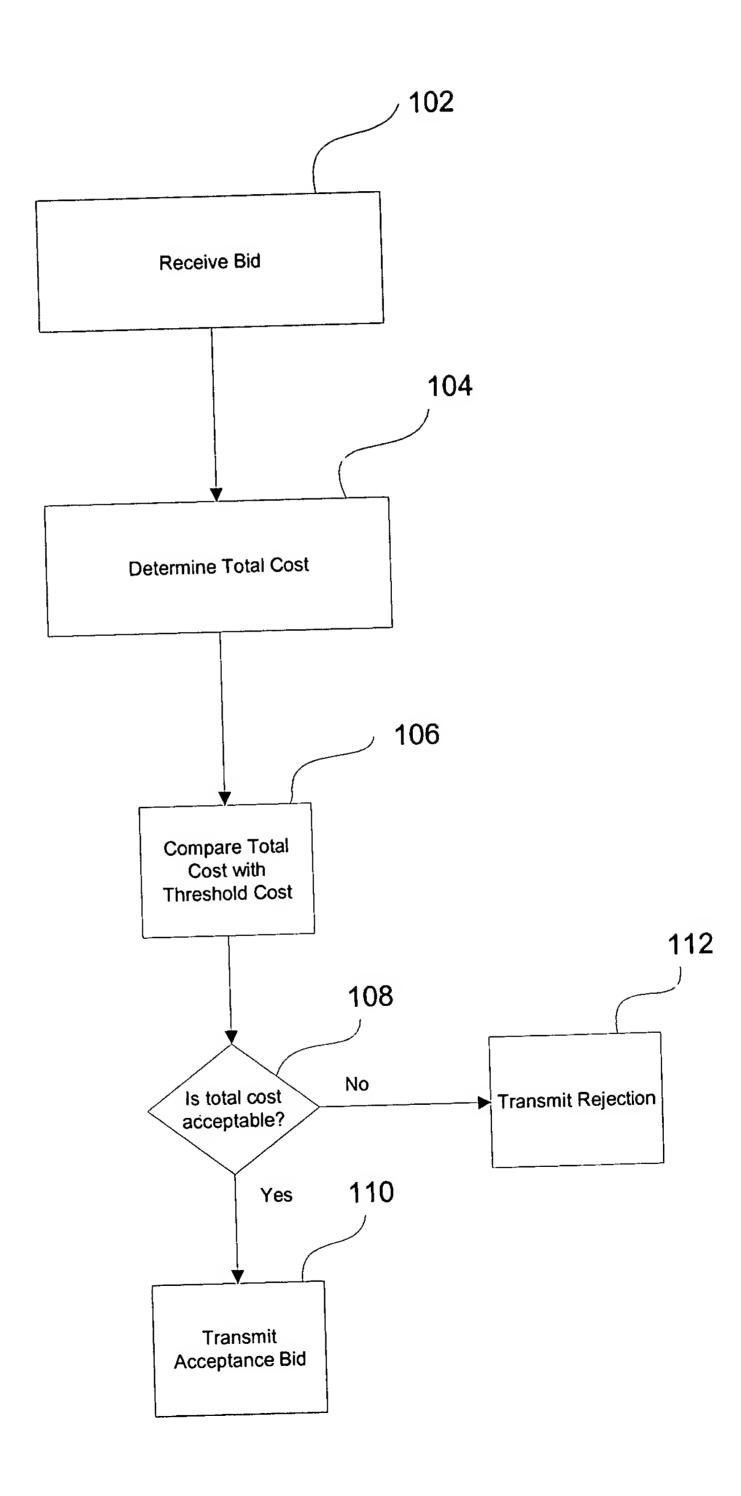
FIG. 1



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FIG. 2 102 Receive Bid 202 Determine Mileage from Origin to Destination 206 Calculate Mileage Select Mileage from Database 204 208 Calculate Variable Cost 210 Calculate Total Cost ²¹⁴ Select Threshold Cost from Calculate Threshold Cost Database 212 106 Compare Total Cost with Threshold Cost 216 200 108 Generate Counter No Is total cost acceptable? Offer 110 Yes 218 Transmit Counter Transmit Offer

Acceptance Bid

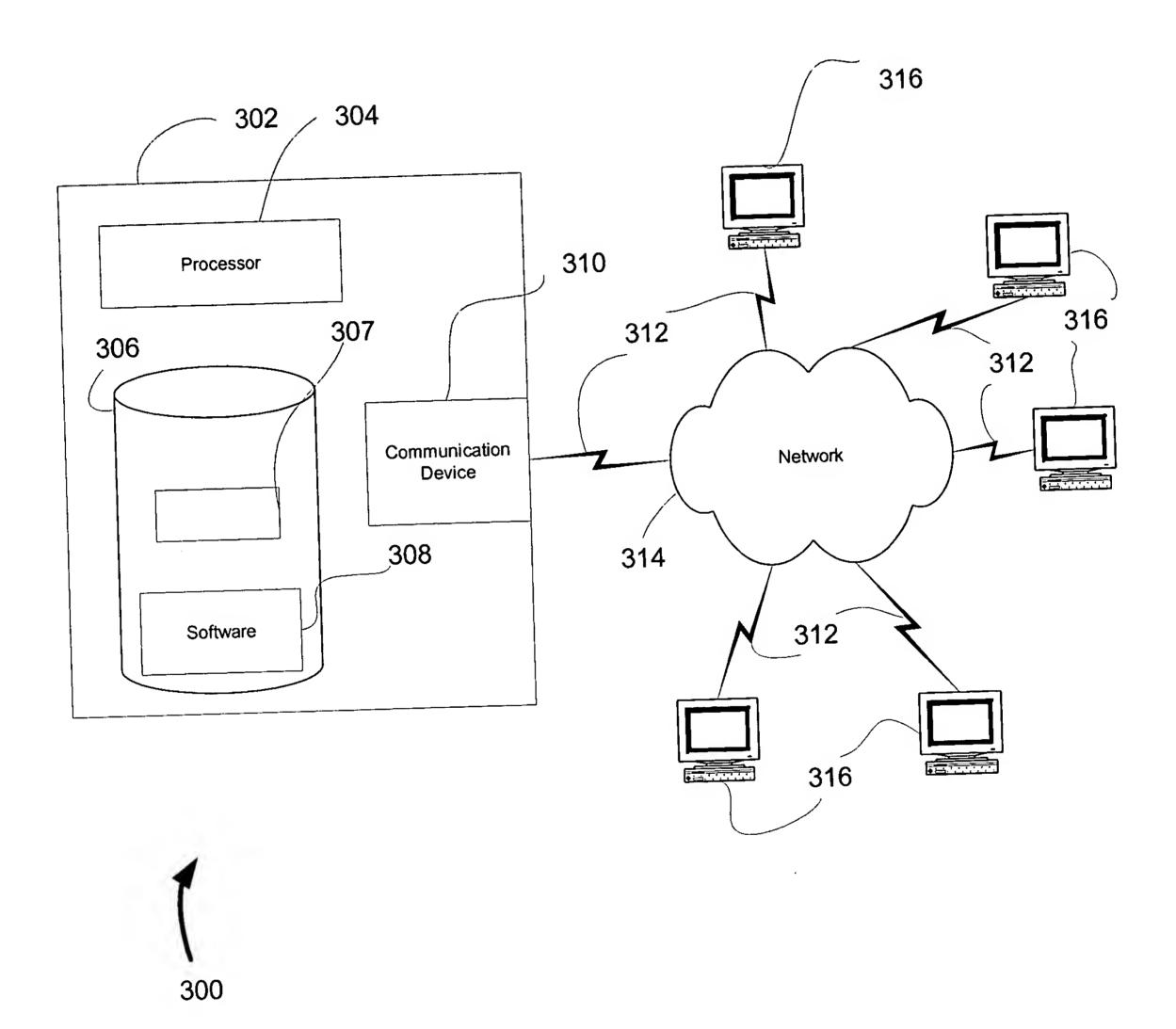


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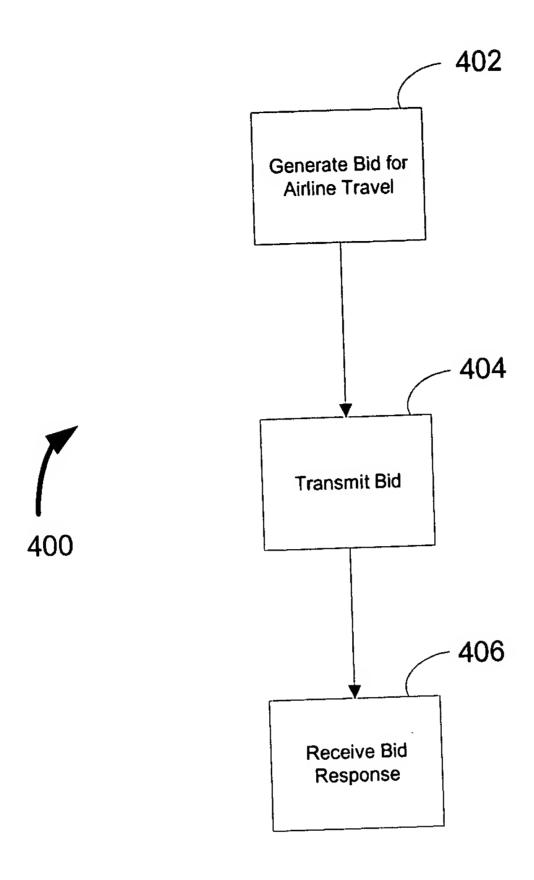


FIG. 5

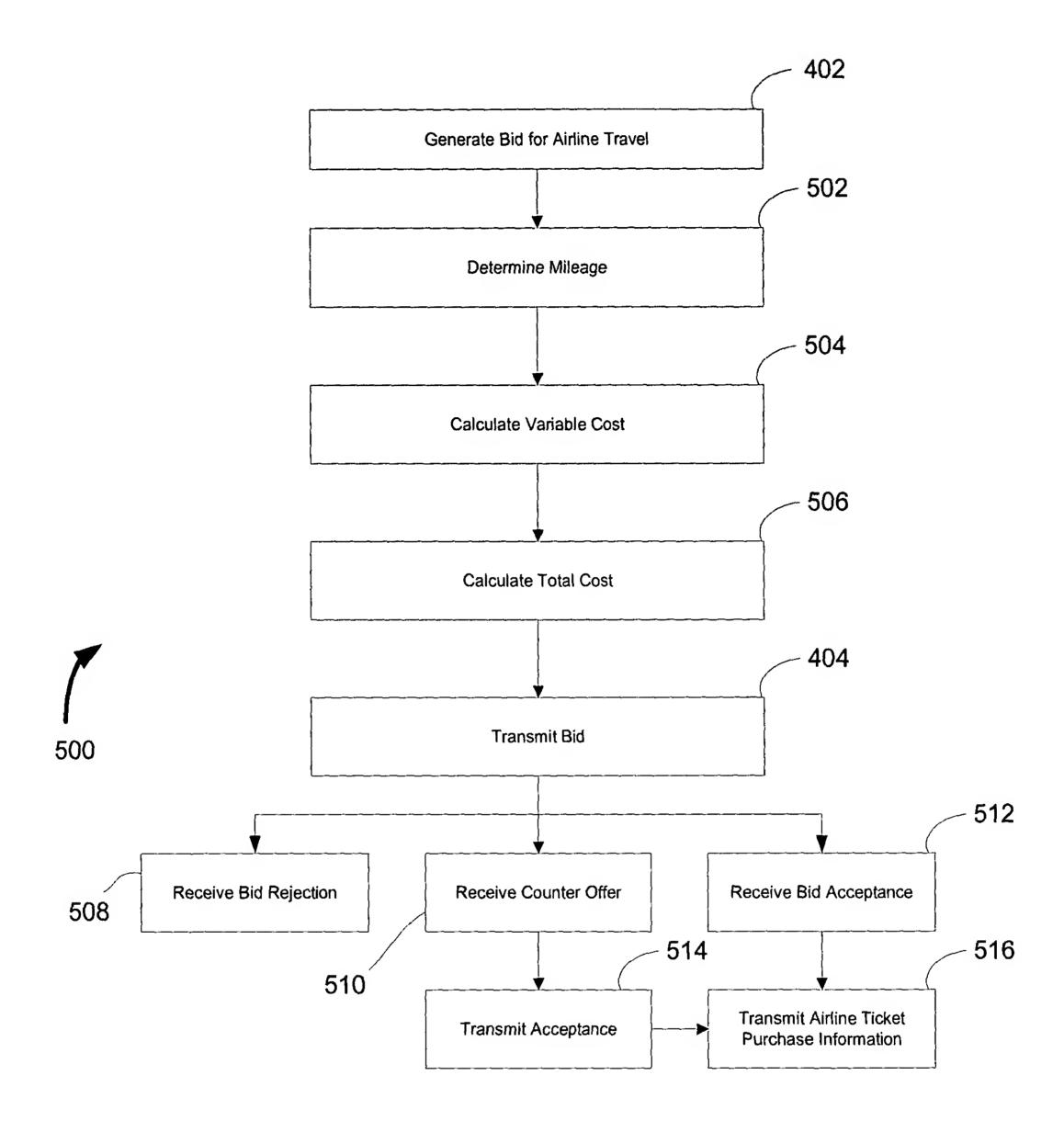


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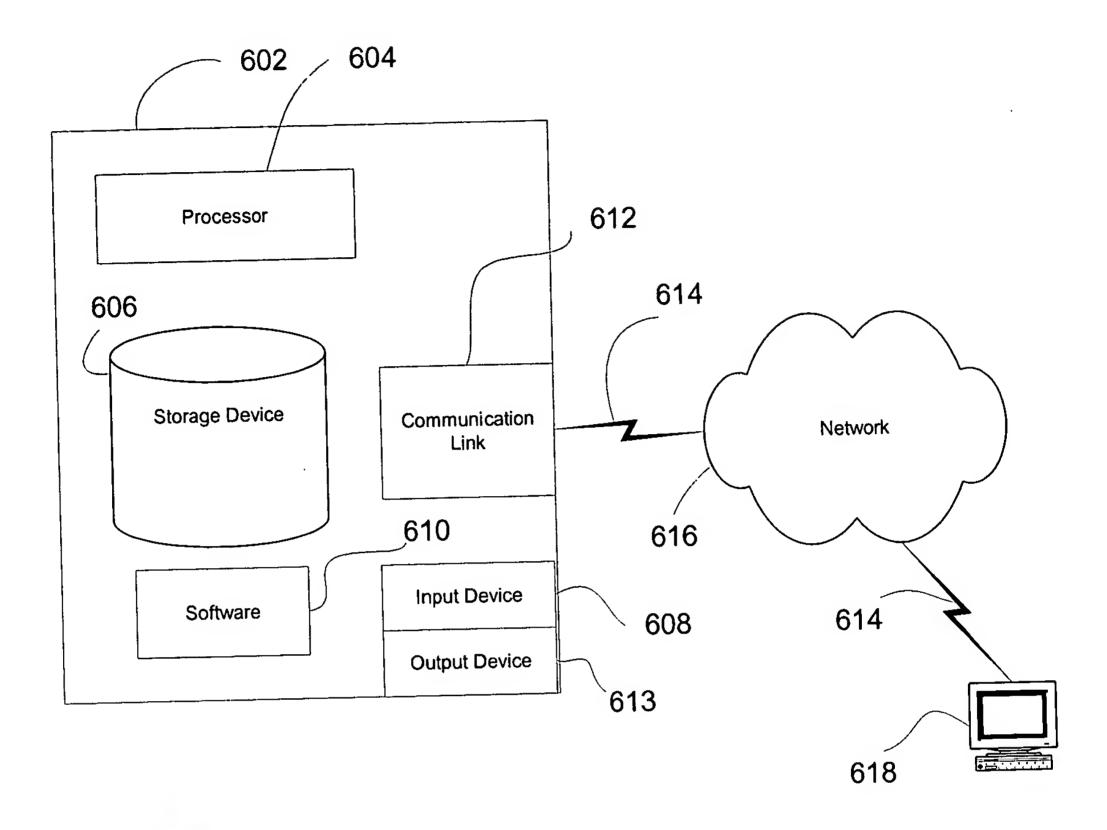
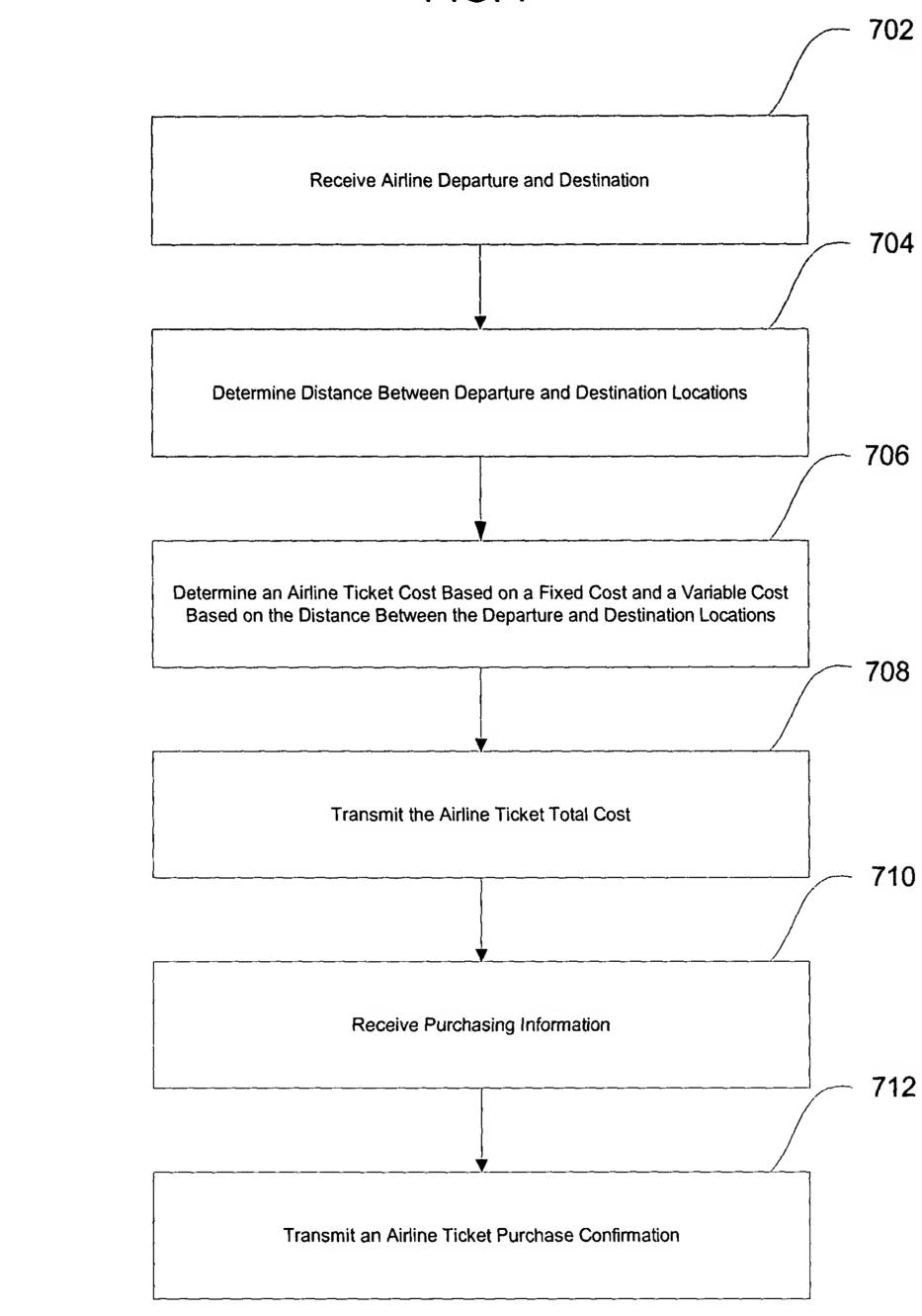




FIG. 7



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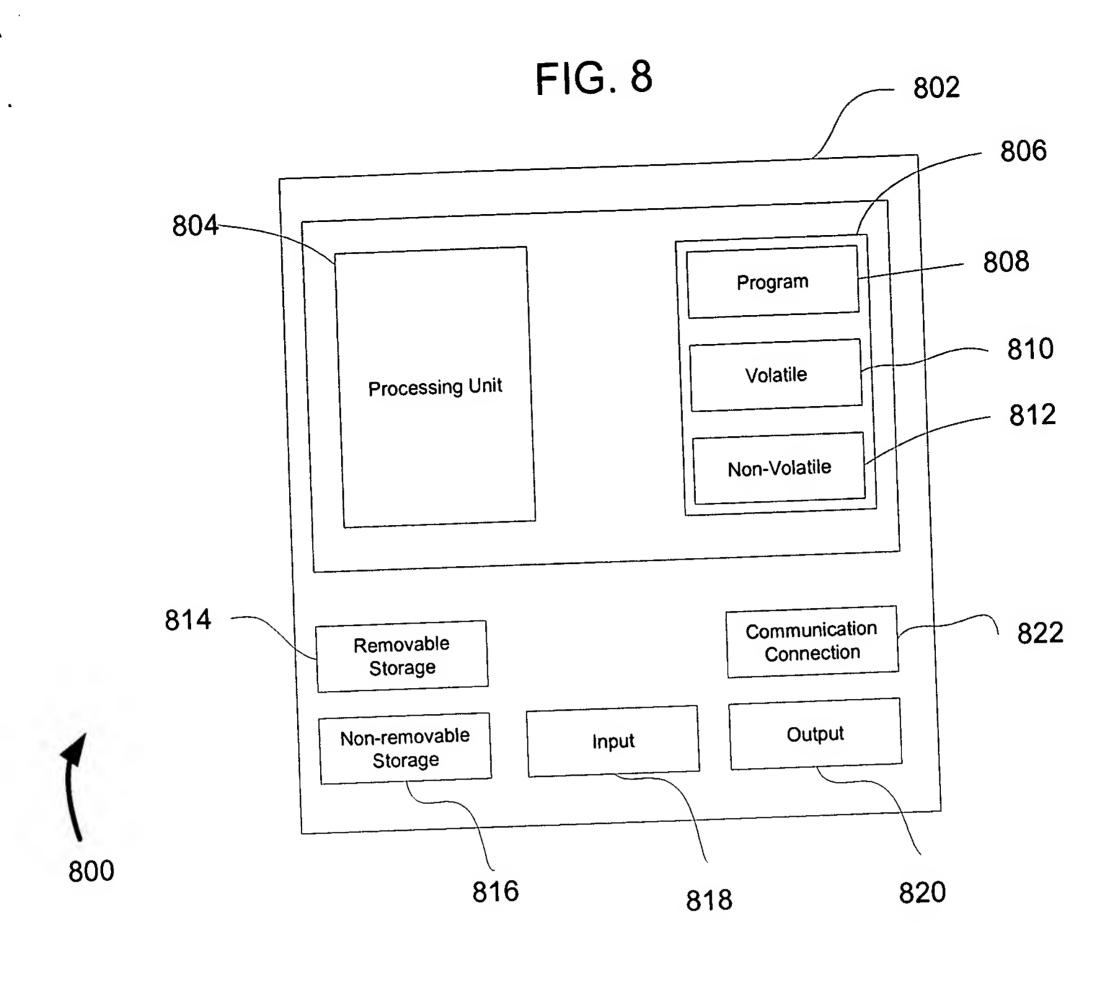


FIG. 9

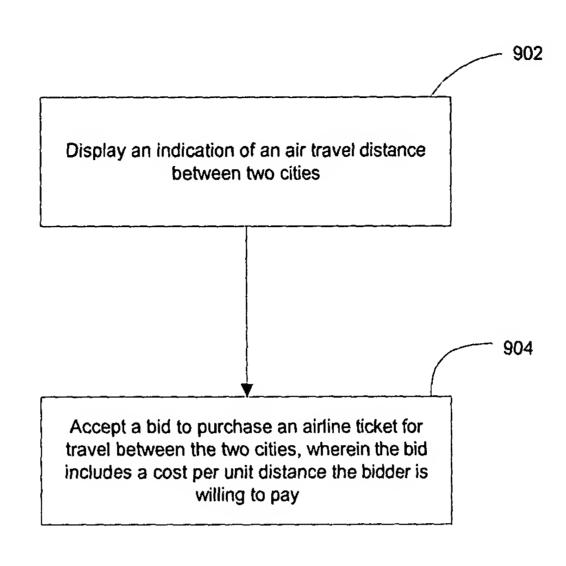




FIG. 10

